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RESPONSE UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.111

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Sir:

The following remarks are submitted in response to the Office Action dated May 22,
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REMARKS

I. Introduction

Pending claims 1-21 have been examined and are rejected. Specifically, claims 1-21 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as allegedly being unpatentable over Arnold et al., U.S. Patent No. 6,446,070 (hereinafter "Arnold") in view of Kobayashi et al., U.S. Patent No. 6,374,243 (hereinafter "Kobayashi"). Additionally, claims 1-21 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. §